THE Prince of Orange's Letter TO THE ENGLISH-FLEET, AND THE Form of Prayer Used in the DUTCH-FLEET.

Translated from the Dutch.

To all the Officers and Seamen of the Engliſh-Fleet.

Gentlemen and Friends,

WHEREAS we have fully Impower'd our Truly and Well-beloved Admiral *Herbert*; we hope that you will give an entire Belief to whatever he ſhall tell you from us. We have publiſh'd a Declaration containing a a full and true Account of our Intentions in this Expedition; ſince it is evident that the *Papiſts* have reſolv'd the total Extirpation of the *Proteſtant* Religion in *Great Britain*, and will infallibly reduce you to the ſame Condition in which you ſee *France*, if they can once get the upper hand. You are now at laſt ſenſible, that you are made uſe of only as Inſtruments to bring this Nation under *Popery* and *Slavery*, by means of the *Iriſh*, and other Foreigners, that are aſſembling for your Deſtruction. Therefore we hope that Almighty God will inſpire you with ſuch Thoughts as may facilitate your Deliverance, and preſerve You, your Country and Religion from all theſe impending Miſeries. And whereas (in all probability) this can never be effected, unleſs You joyn with Us (who labour for your Deliverance,) we do expect your Aſſiſtance herein: And ſhall always remember, *&c.*

HUYGENS.

The PRAYER.

ALmighty God, Lord of Hoſts, who art the Aid and Refuge of all thoſe who put their Truſt in thee; We moſt humbly beſeech thee, to bleſs and give a Proſperous Event to this Enterprize, for the Glory of thy Name, and for the Advantage of thy People. Let not our Sins provoke thy Wrath ſo far, as to deny thy Servant, the Prince, thy Holy Bleſſing, but cover him with thy Grace as with a Buckler; direct him in all his Counſels, to the end, that being bleſſed with Succeſs in this great Deſign, he may employ all that great Power which thy Bleſſed Majeſty ſhall entruſt him with, to the Honour of thy Great Name, the Eſtabliſhment and Advancement of the True Religion, and to the Peace and Happineſs of thy People. Let thy Bleſſing accompany this Fleet; Give propitious Succeſs to our Undertakings. Vouchſafe us, O God, the Father of Mercies, thy Grace, that every one of us in particular, may turn unto thee with our whole Hearts; that we may ſincerely repent of all our Offences hitherto committed againſt thy Holy Majeſty; and that they may ſolemnly Vow, as we, who are at preſent aſſembled before thee, do, to uſe theirutmoſt Endeavour, that our Practice may be ſuch as becomes the Chriſtian Reformed Name, and that our Zeal may be anſwerable to our Holy Religion, and that thoſe Holy Principles may be the Rule of our Life. Hear us, O Lord, in and for the Sake of thy Son, our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, in whoſe Words we further call upon thee: Our Father, *&c.*